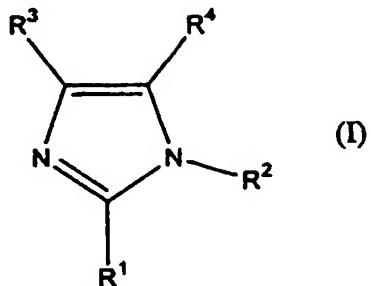


**Abstract**

An external preparation for skin disease which comprises a nitroimidazole derivative represented by the following formula (I):



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wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a nitro group, a lower alkyl group, a substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, or a substituted lower alkenyl group; and R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a substituted lower alkyl group and a lower alkenyl group or a substituted lower alkenyl group, provided that any one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> is a nitro group.

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